

Colonel Joel C. Bradshaw's devotion to duty has reflected the highest standards of the military profession through a number of command and staff positions. He has commanded a civil engineer squadron, and served in a range of civil engineering positions at base level, major command and the Air Staff. At the start of his career, he began as Project Officer and Test Director on the Air Force Weapons Laboratory in New Mexico. Later on in his career, he went on to become Deputy Director of Environment Programs at Headquarters Tactical Air Command, at Langley AFB, VA. He also served as Base Civil Engineer (Commander) at the Sembach Air Base in Germany. He returned to Langley to become Deputy Chief of Programs Division for the Civil Engineer Directorate, Headquarters Air Combat Command. In 1997, Colonel Bradshaw became Command Engineer of the Eleventh Air Force at Elmendorf AFB in Alaska. In 1999, he earned the position of Chief of Air Force Programs, Office of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations, The Pentagon. Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics at Headquarters, United States Army Forces Command. He then went on to additionally take on the responsibility of Chief of Military Construction Programs, Office of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations and Environment), The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. Colonel Bradshaw also holds a Bachelor of Sciences degree from Virginia Tech in Civil Engineering, and a Masters degree of Science in Civil Engineering from Virginia Tech. Additionally, he has a Masters degree in Business Administration from New Mexico Highlands University.

Colonel Bradshaw's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters, and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Colonel Bradshaw has shown tremendous commitment and devotion to his country. Today we recognize him for his unwavering patriotism and dedication to both his profession and the American people.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Colonel Joel C. Bradshaw III, USAF.

#### THE PURPLE HEART

#### HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, the Purple Heart is a decoration symbolizing true sacrifice in defense of the United States. Since the days of Gen. George Washington, the Purple Heart has decorated the uniforms of hundreds of thousands of American heroes, including those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for America's freedom.

Last week in New York, at the national convention of our president's political party, the Purple Heart was mocked and disgraced in a tasteless display. Some delegates to this convention transformed the symbol of the Purple Heart into band-aids to minimize and diminish the wounds received in battle during the Vietnam War by their political opponent.

With American men and women fighting and taking casualties in Iraq and Afghanistan today, the Purple Heart is not a band-aid or a joke, but a true symbol of sacrifice. My sup-

port for America's military's men and women and the veterans who have served this nation, given their blood and their lives for our freedom, is absolute. These heroes and the Purple Hearts which honor their sacrifice deserve our respect, never abuse or cynical displays of ridicule.

#### HONORING BLAINE WILSON

#### HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Blaine Wilson, member of the silver medal winning U.S. men's Olympic gymnastics team. During the Athens Olympics, Blaine, the most experienced member of the team, provided a strong leadership role to the team and helped the United States to its first men's gymnastics medal in 20 years. Blaine received the highest score on the still rings, his favorite event, to push the team from bronze to silver after falling to third for a short time.

Blaine has been a U.S. all-around champion five times and Athens was the third Olympics in which he participated. Despite his familiarity with the Olympic games and competing under pressure, Blaine had an added setback to overcome. In February of 2004 during the American Cup competition, Blaine tore his biceps muscle while competing on the still rings. His determination and skill are highlighted in the struggle he met to compete and medal in Athens.

Blaine was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio. He attended Columbus Gymnastics Academy, DeSales High School, and the Ohio State University, where he plans to complete his degree in Psychology after retiring from gymnastics.

Again, I congratulate Blaine for all of his dedication and hard work and the achievements he has met both personally and with his team while representing our country on the world stage in Athens.

#### A TRIBUTE TO NANCY KRAUS

#### HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 8, 2004*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and pride that I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Nancy Kraus who is retiring after 22 years of dedicated service to the San Mateo Union High School District.

The students, teachers, parents, administrators, and members of the community who had the honor of working with her, first at Capuchino High School, then at the San Mateo Union High School District Office, offer their highest praise and appreciation for her years of service. She exemplifies the highest ideals of loyalty, professionalism, and devotion to duty.

During 8 years at Capuchino High School, as Administrative Assistant to two Principals, Mrs. Kraus was able to involve parents in their children's education like no one had before. She designed and wrote a newspaper for par-

ents, and created a weekly column that praised the accomplishments of students and informed the community of initiatives at the school. She developed activities for the annual Capuchino Open House that celebrated both the high school and the community and resulted in the largest parent participation ever at that event. In addition, she was the recipient of the Martin Luther King Award for Outstanding Leadership, presented by the Capuchino Black Student Union, as well as the Woman of the Year Award from the student government of the school.

At the District Office, Mrs. Kraus served as Executive Assistant to two Superintendents where her immense skills and deep commitment to education earned her the highest esteem and trust by all whose lives she touched. Mr. Speaker, Nancy Kraus was the consummate problem solver tackling issues both large and small with persistence. In recent years, she gave primary and critical leadership during four major bond campaigns that provided \$137.8 million in necessary resources so that the San Mateo Union High School District could renovate and reconstruct its six comprehensive high schools to meet the demands of a 21st century education.

Mr. Speaker, Nancy's involvement went far beyond the duties of the offices in which she worked. She was a founding member of the San Bruno Community Theater and conducted all of its public relations for several years. She encouraged students to participate in the annual Millbrae Lions Club essay contest. She was a co-advisor to student government. She shared her love of opera by offering students voluntary education in opera appreciation which she taught during the lunch hour and then took full busloads on special field trips to performances of the San Francisco Opera.

Mr. Speaker, at the start of the coming school year, Nancy Kraus will be immensely missed. However, her brilliant leadership, the thoughtful, caring and constructive guidance she provided, the complex and difficult problems she helped to solve, and the skills she brought to her work all helped to make the San Mateo Union High School District the excellent educational institution that I am proud to represent. I know she deserves every extra moment that she will get to spend with her husband, daughter and two grandchildren. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Nancy Kraus, whose contributions to students, staff, and community will not be forgotten.

#### JUNK FAX PREVENTION ACT OF 2004

SPEECH OF

#### HON. ARTUR DAVIS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 20, 2004*

Mr. DAVIS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4600, the Junk Fax Prevention Act of 2004. This Bill codifies the rein-statement of an established business relationship exception permitting businesses, associations and charities to send commercial faxes without receiving written permission from the recipient. Additionally, H.R. 4600 crafts reporting requirements granting Congress the authority to regulate the FCC's enforcement activities, and includes an "opt-out provision"